

AIR CARGO SCREENING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “100% Air Cargo Screening: Can We Secure America’s Skies?” Testimony was heard from Ed Kelly, General Manager, Air Cargo, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Transportation; Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1575, End Government Reimbursement of Excessive Executive Disbursements (End GREED) Act; and H.R. 1107, To enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts.”

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 1139, COPS Improvements Act of 2009.

TRIBAL RECOGNITION MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 31, Lumbee Recognition Act; and H.R. 1385, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntyre, Moran of Virginia, Schuler, McHenry and Jones; Tim Kaine, Governor of Virginia; George Skibine, Acting Deputy Associate Secretary, Policy and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: Title IV of H.R. 1256, as amended, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; H. Res. 223, amended, Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, “This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day;” H.R. 774, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46–02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the “Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building;” and H.R.1397, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the “Caroline O’Day Post Office Building.”

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule authorizing the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of March 19, 2009, relating to a measure addressing excessive compensation paid to employees

of corporations in which the Federal government has a significant interest.

FY 2010 BUDGET MEDICARE REFORMS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “The Administration’s FY Year 2010 Budget and Medicare: How Will Small Providers be Impacted?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MODERNIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on ATC Modernization and NextGen: Near-Term Achievable Goals. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Victoria Cox, Senior Vice President for NextGen and Operations Planning Services, Air Traffic Organization, FAA; Karlin Toner, Director, Staff to the Secretary and Senior Policy Committee for NextGen Coordination; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—CIA INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA Intelligence Activities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Joint Hearing: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from Glen M. Gardner, Jr., Veterans of Foreign Wars, Round Rock, Texas.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 19, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Pacific Command, United States Strategic Command, and United States Forces Korea, with the possibility of a closed session following in SR–222, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine bank supervision and regulators, 10:30 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, to hold hearings to examine current issues in deposit insurance, 2 p.m., SD–538.